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## A COMMUNICATION TO THE EDUCATORS OF THE DEAF

### President Veditz Sends Some Pointers to the Oralists and Others

Below is a copy of a communication sent by President Veditz of the National Association to the head of every state school for the deaf in the United States as well as of a number of pronounced oralists, among them Dr. Bell, Mr. Booth, Dr. Crouter, Miss Yale and Miss McCowen.

"Dear Sir:

The accompanying resolutions relating to the education of the deaf were unanimously approved at the last World's Congress of the Deaf.

The questions involved are of vital interest to the American deaf, and as it is of the greatest importance to ascertain how our leading educators stand in the premises, we will thank you to indicate your opinion and position in the matter of these resolutions.

An early reply will be greatly appreciated by

Yours very truly,

GEORGE WM. VEDITZ,

President National Association of the Deaf."

The resolutions referred to are as follows:

"Resolved, that we recognize and appreciate to the fullest extent all methods of educating the deaf, but deplore and condemn the narrow and destructive spirit that endeavors to educate all pupils by any single method. We are firmly and unalterably in favor of the Combined System, which adapts the method to the pupil, and not the pupil to the method.

(Resolutions similar in tenor to the above were unanimously adopted at the National Conventions at Chicago, 1893; Philadelphia, 1896; St. Paul, 1899; St. Louis, 1904, and Norfolk, 1907.)

"Resolved, that the educated deaf, even though they may not be in the profession, feel that it is their privilege to discuss and pass upon questions of educational methods, inasmuch as they are the results of these methods, and that their opinions therefore should have the weight of authority.

"Resolved, that to those deaf who have never acquired speech through the medium of the ear, speech as represented by the motions of the lips and mouth is a sign-language, and those oral teachers who decry the con-

ventional language of signs and the manual alphabet are guilty of an inconsistency.

"Resolved, that, in our opinion, it is the duty of every teacher of the deaf, no matter what method he or she uses, to have a working command of the sign-language.

"Resolved, that the highest educational interests of the deaf require an increased ratio of deaf teachers possessing the requisite intellectual and moral qualifications.

"Resolved, that the oral method, which withholds from the congenitally and quasi-congenitally deaf the use of the language of signs outside the schoolroom, robs these children of their birthright."

The replies will be awaited with interest, as they will indicate to what extent our educators are in harmony or in discord with the sentiments and wishes of the American deaf. It will not surprise us at all should the ultra oralists ignore the communication altogether, but in this event silence will be as damning as open rejection of the sentiments expressed by the resolutions.

### WHO STRUCK BILLY TAFT?

Who struck Billy Taft?

Billy Veditz struck Billy Taft.

Here is the proof, from the Annals of September, 1909:

"The friendly disposition toward the deaf on the part of the present administration, while no doubt partly the result of the various influences brought to bear upon the government during the past two years is chiefly due in our opinion to Mr. George William Veditz's adroit move in calling Mr Taft's attention to the subject, when he was a candidate for the presidency last year. In conversation with Dr. Gallaudet, last spring, President Taft of his own accord introduced this subject and his comments showed that Mr. Veditz's letters had made a strong and favorable impression upon his mind."

Yes, it was a ten-strike, like those Billy Veditz used to make at college.

The influence of President Taft's order will be far-reaching, and greater than appears at first sight. There are forty different occupations open to the deaf. Instead of being left to the caprice of the Civil Service Commis-

### I WILL

I will start anew this morning with a higher, fairer creed;  
I will cease to stand complaining of my ruthless neighbor's greed;  
I will cease to sit repining while my duty's call is clear.  
I will waste no moment whining and my heart shall know no fear.  
I will look sometimes about me for the things that merit praise;  
I will search for hidden beauties that elude the grumbler's gaze;  
I will try and find contentment in the paths that I must tread,  
I will cease to have resentment when another moves ahead.  
I will not be swayed by envy when my rival's strength is shown;  
I will not deny his merit, but I'll strive to prove my own;  
I will try to see the beauty spread before me, rain or shine—  
I will cease to preach your duty and be more concerned with mine.  
—S. E. KISER, in Missouri Record.

sion, or the ignorance or prejudice of the appointing officer, it is set down in black and white that the deaf can fill certain positions. Moreover, if a deaf man can be a bookkeeper, computer or draftsman in the Interior Department, why can he not fill the same positions in the Navy Department or the Department of State? This is a question which the heads of the latter departments will have to face sooner or later.

Whether or not a larger number of the deaf than heretofore seek government positions is immaterial. The fact that the positions are open to them is of immense value, and will have influence with private firms when a deaf man seeks employment. The action of the government in this matter should be given the widest possible publicity.  
—Olof Hanson in Deaf Mute Journal.

### A CHANCE FOR DEAF PHOTOGRAPHERS.

The local committee of the World's Congress of the Deaf, at Colorado Springs, Col., 1910, invites bids from deaf photographers for the photographic concessions of the congress.

Specify size of the photographs, style and quality of mounting; prices of mounted and unmounted photographs; bonus or commission for the concession; guarantee that the work will be done as specified. Samples are requested and will be returned if accompanied with sufficient postage.

Bids will be passed upon at the January meeting of the committee, and should be in the hands of the chairman not later than December 31, 1909.

GEORGE WM. VEDITZ, Chm.,  
Colorado Springs, Col.

## Vancouver, Wash.

Miss Sampson likes our climate well enough to take advantage of all the sunbeams that appear through the clouds these days. She takes a walk to town or about that far on the nice mornings while off duty.

Mr. Schneider is fast mastering the art of photo-engraving and has spent some time in fitting himself for this work. He has turned out some excellent cuts from pictures around and about the school premises and hopes to show some of these in "The Washingtonian" very soon.

Mrs. Schneider spent a pleasant afternoon with her mother in Portland on the 21st inst.

Athletics are good at the school for the deaf this year. The football team has made a splendid showing so far. It is light, but having been well coached during the past few weeks is considered to be one of the best in the state at its weight. Three victories have been secured and no defeats and the boys are enthusiastic over the prospects of the future. The girls are playing basketball and hope to play a series of games during the winter. The school has a fine gymnasium and all of the children get plenty of exercise.

Supt. Thomas P. Clarke has a splendid corps of teachers around him this year, and besides their regular work in the school rooms, they are showing considerable attention to their pupils out of school hours. Frequent trips to the woods for nuts and to the river for pebbles gladden the hearts of the little ones.

The balmy weather which has favored us for several weeks has received a severe jolt and we are now being visited by a cold, dismal spell.

There is still some probability of Dr. Cook being deprived of the honor of having been the first man to reach the highest point on Mt. McKinley's lofty peak. A reputable deaf gentleman down our way claims that he had a dream recently in which he saw to his horror the whole top of this famous mountain being blown out under a tremendous force of volcanic action. Snow, ice, rocks, ashes and flames were hurled in all directions so the records that Dr. Cook claims he left there in a brass tube must surely have been damaged beyond recognition.

Whose claim do you support, Dr. Cook's guide, Barrill, or that of our young friend?

While passing through Mr. Devine's barnyard on the 23rd inst., Messrs. Vinson and Hunter spied a plump-looking young pullet proudly flopping her wings. One of these young sports could not resist the opportunity offered to try his skill at something really alive, blazed away and shot it's head clean off with the first

shot. The other sport carried it home and reported that he had bagged a China pheasant. He forgot to pluck off the feathers, however, so his story was not long lived.

Mr. Vinson of Portland crossed over into our state on "Skiddoo" day for a try-out with his new 30-30 repeating rifle. Mr. Hunter guided him to a solitary spot out of town where they put up a target and used up several boxes of cartridges in practice. At the conclusion of the bombardment the target was so full of holes that any expert with a gun would feel proud of the excellent marksmanship. We feel certain that there is a little hope of the bears escaping up in Canada from Mr. Vinson's aim when he once gets them freed. (Suppose the bear trees Vinson.—Ed.)

The number of pupils in attendance at the Washington State Schol for the Deaf has never before reached its present enrollment. There are 114 now in school and belated pupils are still coming in one by one.

By the time this appears in print Prof. L. A. Devine will have moved his family from his present home on the prune farm to a more handsome cottage within the city limits. This cottage will not only offer him more room than his present home, but will also be more convenient, being only a few steps from the school.

Mr. Hunter is the proud owner of a fine pair of antlers. He received them as a present from an old friend during his recent visit up in Idaho. They have since been mounted and

hung over the fire-place, where they make a pleasant appearance.

By an oversight of ye correspondent, no mention was made of our "honorable" Mr. Van Emon, who spent a part of his vacation in Chicago practicing in an institution, endeavoring to broaden his knowledge of art. We understand that he also spent some time in Ohio, but when we ask him what he was doing there, he only smiles in reply. We don't quite understand this, do you?

A card party was held at the house of Mr. and Mrs. Hunter on the 25th inst. Those present had the pleasure of warming themselves before the fire-place. A very pleasant evening was spent.

Sidney Chase of Tacoma has been employed on a farm in our vicinity for the past month. He arrived here from California along towards the last of September and reported business down south was dull. He intends to journey farther east just as soon as the prunes are all in.

Mrs. Claire Reeves emerged from her hiding place in the country recently and paid the institution and her friends a short call. She reported that Mr. Reeves had an excellent offer for the purchase of his five-acre tract, but it is not for sale.

### A JUNE BRIDE.

Recently the Legislature of Maine has granted an appropriation of \$400 to the Maine Mission for the Deaf, for two years to aid the New England Home for the Aged and Infirm Deaf-Mutes.—N. Y. Journal.



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## SPOKANE

One of the most enjoyable surprise birthday and Hallowe'en parties was given in the residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Bergh on Saturday evening, October 30, by the members of the Spokane association of the deaf in honor of Mrs. A. C. Bergh, who celebrated her 46 birthday anniversary. She received many presents, which are as follows: A \$15 silk dress from her husband, table cloth, fruit sauce and other things from guests. John Bertram took his coat off and showed sleight of hand tricks and games. It was a successful affair and enjoyed till midnight. All lights were turned out for several minutes, making it very dark in the parlor. A giant Hallowe'en jack-o-lantern ghost walked downstairs from the second story and in among the guests. One of the sons of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Berghs, while riding a motor cycle on a cycle path hit a mean Hallowe'en rope which was tied across the path. He fell and injured himself. His motor cycle was not damaged. He took a street car for home.

Delightful refreshments were served at a late hour, after which the guests departed. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Bergh and three children, Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Axling and three children, Mr. and Mrs. John Toner and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Banister, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fulmer, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Charles, Mrs. Barney, Mrs. Susie Smith, Misses Elmyra and Culista Ford, Messrs. John Bertram, Gilman Nordhougen, Clyde Patterson, Mike Coyne, Norman Barney, John Frisby, David Krause, Robert Paterson, Frank Masopust, Edwin Whipple, Carl Sparks and Alfred E. Arnot.

The Spokane Association of the Deaf held a regular business meeting in the hall in Blair's Business College Saturday evening, November 6, with President Axling in the chair. He opened the meeting with a few remarks. The roll call and minutes of the previous meeting was read by Secretary Arnot. The members who attended the meeting were: Mr. Arnot, Mr. Axling, Mr. and Mrs. Banister, Mr. Barney, Mrs. Bergh, Mr. Bertram, Mr. Coyne, Mr. Curl, Miss Culista Ford, Miss Elmyra Ford, Mr. Frisby, Mr. and Mrs. Fulmer, Mr. Masopust, Mr. Nordhugen, Mr. O'Leary, Mr. Patterson, Mr. Slightham, Mrs. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Toner, Mr. Whipple.

President Axling announced a committee of three on program for the literary meetings: Chairman Axling, Mrs. Bergh and Mr. Arnot.

The following is the program:

November, 1909—Story of the Pilgrim Fathers' Declaration.

December, 1909—Lecture subject to be chosen. Life of Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet.

January, 1910—Debate, subject to be chosen. Dialogue and declamation.

February, 1910—Lecture by some hearing gentleman. Subject to be chosen and interpreter secured.

March, 1910—Mock trial or moot court. (Arrangements to be made.)

April, 1910—Debate, subject to be chosen. Dialogue and declamation.

May, 1910—Story of some member, subject to be chosen. "Star Spangled Banner."

September, 1910—Reading to be given by some member. Labor Day story.

October, 1910—Essay by some member. Subject to be chosen. Paul Re-

vere's Ride rendered in signs.

Mr. Arnot moved that we vote new officers for next six months. President Axling appointed two tellers, Messrs. Bertram and Whipple.

The election, after a lively contest, resulted as follows: Mr. Nordhougen, president; Miss Elmyra Ford, vice-president; Mr. Axling, secretary; Mr. Patterson, treasurer; Mr. Whipple, sergeant-at-arms.

The association will celebrate its first anniversary on Thanksgiving.

Please remember to attend the association literary meeting in Blair's Business College, corner First avenue and Madison street, a Saturday evening, November 20, to listen to Prof. Gilman T. Nordhougen, who will give a story of the Pilgrim Fathers. Miss Culista Ford will give a declamation on Thanksgiving. Prof. Alfred E. Arnot will give a comic story of three cowboys and a turkey.

It is rumored that prominent mute people's wedding will occur in Spokane soon.

The writer noticed Gallaudet college correspondent of the Deaf Mute Journal say that Miss Bertha Thiessen, '10, was elected for president for the O. W. S. We extend congratulations to her.

John C. Bertram is still employed in the American Engraver Company in Spokane. He handed the writer \$1 for one year's subscription to the Silent Observer.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley B. Taylor were lately married. They live in a beautiful new residence at Kellogg, Idaho. We do not know what Mr. Taylor is doing there.

David Krause left work at the Spokane casket factory last week. He returned home again to Lind, Wash. We were sorry and he is missed here.

John C. Bertram has bought a lot in Lincoln Heights. He hired Mr. Robert Paterson as carpenter to build a new residence; also he will hire Mr. Whipple to paint the house.

The Mead brickyard was closed for the winter last week. Mike Coyne, who worked there, is in Spokane for several weeks. He expects to go to Denver, Col., to spend the winter and return here next spring.

Curl Sparks left Spokane last week for Tacoma. He will stay with his relatives there through the winter fishing for salmon.

Gilman T. Nordhougen is still boarding with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Banister. He is steadily employed in a Hillyard printing office.

Ross Slightham is employed in a sub-postoffice on North Monroe street every evening.

Miss Hattie Hall is still busy in a millinery store at Cheney, Wash.

Mrs. Susie Smith and sister are employed in the Island Empire cracker and candy factory overtime until 9 and 10 o'clock on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

August H. Koberstein is in Spokane and attended the association meeting. He will go to Los Angeles, Cal.

A. E. Arnot has been busy working on the new North Central high school building since July. The other day he and the carpenters put seven large steel girders in place to hang the wall to support the auditorium and gymnasium in the building. The steel girders are the largest in this city. The building will contain one of the best gymnasiums in this city and the large auditorium will seat 1,500 people. A restaurant, well lighted recitation rooms and laboratories and a manual arts department. The build-

ing will be finished before January 1st and will cost \$500,000.

James O'Leary of Wenatchee came here to attend the association meeting and help to vote new officers.

A surprise birthday party was given President and Mrs. P. L. Axling in honor of his birthday on Sunday afternoon and evening, November 7, by members of the Spokane association. Those present were President and Mrs. P. L. Axling and three children, Mr. and Mrs. John Toner, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Banister, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fulmer, Misses Elmyra and Culista Ford, Messrs. John Bertram, Gilman T. Nordhougen, Micky Coyne, John Frisby, Clyde Patterson, Frank Masopust, Robert Paterson, Edwin Whipple and Alfred E. Arnot.

Any subscriptions that are still owing the Silent Observer please pay to the agent for the Observer. Address Lock Box 225, Spokane, Wash. Also please send news items to him.

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We expect to have an important announcement in our next issue concerning improvements and extensions of the Observer's influence.

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We have noticed that no matter how poor a man is he can always afford his tobacco.

Our correspondents should try to have their letters reach us three or four days before the day of publication. Several reached us too late for the last issue.

The article in this issue by Enoch Schetnan is a rather novel suggestion. If anything of the kind is adopted a button would be more appropriate—something similar to those worn by the Typographical Union.

The Missouri Record every month prints a report of the standing of each pupil in its state school. This report includes the pupil's average, the application and deportment. This enables the parents at any time to see just how their children are progressing.

The Observer wants a good correspondent and agent in every large city and center of deaf population in the United States and Canada. Every one who is in favor of a good, clean, independent national paper for the deaf is invited to help in this respect. We, in return, will endeavor to give our readers the worth of their money.

The Kansas Star announces in its last issue that hereafter it will appear but twice a month. We will miss its

weekly visits. The reason for this change is to give the office force more time in which to learn job work. Such a course is wise. If a child is to be taught a trade it should be thorough. There is no call for straight work printers except in small country towns at low wages. What is demanded are good pressmen, job compositors and ad men. We would suggest that pupils after leaving school take an additional year or two as an apprentice in a good job office. The printers' union demands four years' apprenticeship. The man who has only put in a few hours a day while at school is not in the class with he who has been carefully taught for four years eight hours a day. Another thing, many school offices have not sufficient variety of work and material to give thorough instruction.

### A BOUQUET.

Mr. Editor: You are getting out a good paper and no mistake. The last issue was fine. OLOF HANSON.

Such compliments are encouraging. We value this one highly, as it comes from a broad minded, deep thinker like Mr. Hanson.

### INDUSTRIAL EXHIBIT.

The deaf in the Puget Sound country who desire to send articles to the industrial exhibit at Colorado Springs next year should leave the same with L. O. Christenson. He has been requested by President Veditz to represent this section.

### THE OBSERVER A PANACEA FOR THE BLUES

We have had all sorts of good things said of the Observer, but a letter this week from Spokane was a little out of the ordinary. We quote it in part:

"I often find your paper very handy and enjoyable reading when in an unpleasant frame of mind. Its news and good nature seem a beneficial remedy to my wornout nerves at times. My hopes and best wishes are for its success and may God bless its originator as long as he continues in the good work."

### THAT LABOR DAY PARADE

The participating of the Seattle deaf in the Labor Day parade seems to have attracted as much attention from the deaf throughout the country as it did from the people of this city.

The last issue of the Silent Worker has reference to this parade from three different parties, all very complimentary.

Next year we expect this idea will be generally taken up by the deaf of the country.

Thanks, ladies and gentlemen, for all the bouquets thrown toward Seattle.

### THE DEAF AND THE NEWS- PAPERS.

Articles in the newspapers concerning the deaf are often ridiculous if not provokingly silly. The following appeared in a recent issue of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer under a two-inch double column head:

#### DEAF MUTES' FINGER FIGHT

#### ENDS IN A DIVORCE COURT

Digits Are Used to Tell the Sad Story of a Domestic Tragedy.

"St. Louis, Nov. 3.—A divorce was granted by Judge Withrow today, of the circuit court, to Mrs. Nannie E. Burns, a deaf mute, from Joseph Burns of Granite City, Ill., also a deaf mute, on the testimony of deaf mute witnesses. A woman who could talk and hear interpreted the testimony.

"Mrs. Burns told, by word of hand, of an attack made upon her last Christmas day by her husband, when she told him he ought to go to work. She said Burns choked her and attacked her with a butcher knife.

"Edward Schale and Mrs. Mart Poyers, deaf mutes, testified that they witnessed the Christmas day episode.

"Mrs. Burns said her husband called her names on his fingers, but she did not specify the names. She also charged desertion. They have three children, who can hear and speak.

"When the court announced that a decree was granted to Mrs. Burns the interpreter informed her of the fact and she signalled 'Thank you.'

The deaf are seen every day talking on their fingers and we fail to see why a quarrel between two should be so extremely interesting to the public; also we see no reason why a deaf divorce case should be of national interest to hearing people.

Another case occurred near Seattle recently. A deaf person, who although not a semi-mute, can speak a number of words, was called into court as a witness. In course of the examination, being asked a numerical question, he replied by speaking aloud "two." An evening paper came out the same day with the story under startling headlines: "A Deaf Man Recovers His Speech Under Fire of Cross-Examination." Following this the reporter gave his imagination full swing, telling how the learned judge and twelve good and true men in the jury box stood dumb in amazement.

Great indeed is the imagination of the modern reporter and what foolishness concerning the deaf is given us as news.

If your neighbor comes to borrow your Observer tell him to save sole leather and subscribe himself.

WRITE, but make your articles short and to the point. Articles too long may suffer from the blue pencil.



## A RECORD BREAKER.

Seattle has a lady who attended the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition 98 times. Can any one show a better record in attending expositions? We refer to those who visited, not those who were employed. This person had no work there.

## 'POSSUM DINNER TOO LATE IN THE DAY.

Owing to the damp weather, distance or other reasons, the Puget Sound Hallowe'en party was not largely attended this year. Roy Harris, who went over, pronounces the menu first-class.

## THANKSGIVING PARTY

The Seattle Thanksgiving party this year will be held at the home of Mrs. Jesse West, at 356 Twenty-ninth avenue. It will be in the nature of a box party, ladies to furnish the box and gentlemen to buy the same at auction. It will take place on the evening of November 25th. A good time is anticipated.

## CARRY THE NEWS TO TEDDY.

A. W. Wright, President of the Puget Sound Association of the Deaf, is one of these persons who believes in doing his share toward keeping up the high standard of the human race. A new daughter came to his home November 2nd. She weighs 8 1-2 pounds. There are now five responsibilities at the Wright home and a brighter and happier family it would be hard to find.

## NEW MEMBERS CONTINUE TO COME

At the monthly meeting of the Puget Sound Association of the Deaf Miss Mabel Scanlan was received into membership. Matthew Treese, a former member, was reinstated. The name of Miss Katie Wright was proposed to be acted on at next meeting.

Mrs. Bronson, a new addition to Seattle's deaf population, was present with her hearing daughter, Mrs. Snider.

## "THE BURNING OF ROME"

The management of the Oliver Theatre announce that for the week beginning Sunday, November 14th they have imported direct from the world's greatest studio in Italy a marvelous moving picture dealing with ancient Rome. The story traces the downward career of the tyrant Nero from the moment when he casts his wife aside and takes up with an affinity who becomes empress and has her rival put to death. The populace revolt and then Nero orders Rome to be burnt. Subsequently, after a terrible exhibition of remorse, he commits suicide.

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

August Koberstein's parents recently visited him in Seattle. They have gone to North Dakota to visit another son, and may reside there permanently.

The youngest sister of L. O. Christensen, who has been ill at Pasco, Wash., is better and has gone to California to visit her eldest sister and spend the winter.

C. K. McConnell has sold his pool room at Bremerton. He expects in a few weeks to take a trip East, visiting friends and relatives along the route, going as far as St. Paul, Minn., and Council Bluffs, Iowa. Christmas may find him at Omaha, Neb., with his parents.

Mr. William H. Weeks of the Hartford School for the Deaf, has been teaching for almost sixty years and is probably the "nestor of the profession." His nearest rivals are Mr. Sydney J. Vail, of Indiana, and Mr. Ben T. Gilkey, of Missouri.—Missouri Record.

Adolph Struck, now a student at Gallaudet, came into the office the other day—on a postal card. He is holding a book, but we are unable to decide whether he is studying or collecting building material for a story. In an exchange we notice that Mr. Struck has started a Glee Club at college. Just what brand of glee is indulged in the paper stateth not.

## IS SERIOUSLY INJURED.

Otto Klawitter was brought home from Spokane last week. As we stated recently he was injured by falling while at work on a steel frame building in Ritzville. His injuries are more serious than his friends here supposed, and he may be crippled for life. Although Mr. Klawitter can hear, his wife is a deaf mute. Her maiden name was Sophia Lamphier. The friends of the family hope for a speedy recover.



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## Sioux Falls, S. D.

The Standing Rock and Cheyenne Indian reservations were thrown open to registration by homeseekers from October 4th to the 23rd.

Mr. L. M. Hunt and Elmer Jackson registered for claims at Aberdeen, S. D., October 8th, and the writer registered at the same place on the 9th. Mr. Hunt took the next train back to Sioux Falls immediately after registering, but the writer remained in Aberdeen from Saturday morning to Sunday morning as the guest of Mrs. Martin Schamber, sister of Mr. Frank Worswick of this place.

Mr. Wallace Williams registered October 22nd, returning by next train, only having spent one hour in Aberdeen.

The drawing will be October 26th, and each one hopes to see his or her name heading the list of the successful ones.

The chances here are much better than at the Coeur d'Alene drawing near Spokane, where 100,000 registered for 100 farms. There are 18,000 farms of 160 acres each in the two reservations open here, and from 75,000 to 80,000 persons registered. The price set upon the land by the government is from 50 cents to \$6.00 per acre. The land lies along the Missouri and Cheyenne rivers, and is excellent land partly improved by the Indians.

The writer hopes to be among the lucky ones, and then bid good-bye to school work and go to live in the fresh air of the country.

Plenty of fresh air is a luxury enjoyed by South Dakotans. It seems to never stop blowing, and sometimes it blows with a vengeance.

While in Aberdeen the writer called on Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Loucks, and had the pleasure of meeting Miss Marion Finch at their home.

Saturday evening Mr. Loucks invited Miss Finch and the writer to accompany his family to the theatre to see the moving pictures.

Aberdeen is a very fine town.

The South Dakota Association for the Advancement of the Deaf, of which Mr. Loucks is president, is to convene in Aberdeen in 1911.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Jewell are spending a week with Mr. Jewell's son in Minneapolis, Minn.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Hunt have an addition to their small family circle—it's a wonderful fox terrier puppy, and has been christened "Jim."

Mrs. Olaf Olson returned home the first of October. Her eyes are much better now since they were operated on, but are not very strong yet.

Miss Huldah C. Anderson of La Crosse, Wisconsin, is the latest addition to our deaf community. She is stopping with Mr. Frank Worswick's

family, and expects to secure work and remain here.

Remy Worswick, aged 13, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Worswick, has entered the Sioux Falls High School, and last week his name was on the roll of honor published in the daily papers.

George J. Dehler of St. Paul, Minn., is working in a cigar factory in town.

It was reported that three deaf men from Washington state were seen talking in front of the Cataract Hotel last Sunday, but the writer failed to locate them. Anyone from the Evergreen State would be welcomed by the writer, who thinks Washington state one of the best in the Union.

Rev. J. M. Koehler is expected in Sioux Falls Sunday, November 14th. Those who hail from the Keystone state will be glad to welcome him here.

Mr. McKoskey, a deaf gentleman from Iowa, has been visiting his married daughter in town. He and his younger daughter, Miss McKoskey, visited the school recently.

CORA M. REED.

## Kentucky

There is a new wrinkle in the "deaf and dumb beggar" racket which came to light near here recently.

A team of baseball players, widely advertised as the "Deaf Mute Invincibles," Wilberwroughted around the state the past autumn playing the star aggregations of the smaller cities and towns with not inconspicuous success. The rubes would simply clamber over one another to get rid of their perfectly good coin of the realm and Goodyear at the poor "dummies."

First, the pitcher would wig wag a cypher code to the catcher, the catcher would go through a series of contortions liable to cause Frank Daniels to turn indigo with envy, and presto, one strike! The second baseman would give a cross between a Comanche war dance and a delishartan drill; result—strike two. Then the shortstop was prone to give a brief imitation of Peary on a spree, the batter would slash the ball down to third and go out at first, the first-sacker kissing the ball and wiping off the shine before touching the bag.

Then everybody would nudge his neighbor and murmur, "Wonderful! Shows what higher eddycashun will do fer th' poor benighted heatheyn, don't it? Gosh!"

Whenever a ruling of the arbitrator turned out adverse to the mutes they churn the air until the recording angel put away his opera glasses in disgust. The umpire would finally be pacified by an assurance—on pencil and paper—that he had only been invited to take a drink. Then everything would be lovely again.

Poor deaf and dumb men. By heck, ain't it awful to be deaf an' dumb? Land sakes!

One evening the mutes celebrated a glorious victory in manner fitting—considering the wet and dry elements were on the eve of a local option election. Old John Barleycorn is not usually on a physician's prescription for remedying deafness; but this time it worked unheard-of wonders. First one mute and then another would raise his voice in some such sacred hymn as "Oh, You Kid" until every "dummy" on the team was making night hideous in unison. When the village constable finally landed the disciples of Caruso in goal the populace was laying in the most complete and varied assortment of dead cats, pedigreed eegs, pensioned glassware and snapworn tomatoes ever assembled in Old Kentucky, in preparation for the morrow's scheduled game.

But the "mutes" got wise and disbanded.

John H. Mueller and Rose Bode, both of Louisville, and both, likewise, inmates of the Gallaudet knowledge-box up to last June, have signed a partnership contract with a sky pilot as witness. It is not known whether the firm will open a penny arcade, or start a mail order business in pig iron. Whatever it is, Mr. and Mrs. Mueller (and Co.) will make a success of it; they seem to have pretty near cornered all the surplus gray matter running wild in this state.

J. FREDERICK MEAGHER.

Governor Johnson was, ex-officio, a member of our Board of Directors, and so we can claim an intimate relationship with him. We well remember a visit he made to our school during his first term as Governor. He was taken into the classroom of the first year pupils, and evinced the deepest interest in what he saw. He sat down on one of the low foot benches provided to enable the little ones to reach up to the blackboard when writing. It was perhaps not exactly a dignified position for the Governor of the state, but it was entirely human. Possibly he thought that the little ones would feel more at ease if he was more on their level as regards stature instead of towering above them. The teacher called little Etta Earsley up to show what she had learned in the way of speech and lip-reading. The Governor called Etta to him and spoke to her. When she understood him, he was greatly pleased. This incident impressed us with the feeling that the Governor was a man with a very big human heart.—Companion.

The Observer man feels well satisfied so far, and we expect to improve the paper right along.

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## TACOMA

Mr. Rowland shot two deer recently. At his invitation Mr. A. Minnick went out to his home in Spanaway and got a venison roast to take home for the Minnick family.

Sidney Chase is once more in Tacoma. We hope he will stop roving and remain in Tacoma.

Mr. Wade is going around with a proud-uncle smile on his face, since learning of the advent of a new girl baby in the Wright family.

Miss Slegel's folks are entertaining Mr. Pearsall, a New Churchman visiting in Tacoma.

Mrs. Hutson was out making calls Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Dwight Chase spent an evening last week with Mr. Wade, who has been lonesome since his wife went to Seattle November 2d, to remain for some time with Mrs. Wright.

There was quite an attendance at the meeting at the Wades October 31. The proposed club was organized and named the "Tacoma Literary Club." The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Seeley; secretary, Mr. Wade; treasurer, Mr. A. Minnick; doorkeeper, Mr. Chas. Hammond. The next meeting will be held November 28th at Mrs. Seeley's. All are invited to attend, whether members or not.

Messrs. Christensen, Koberstein and Langdon of Seattle were present, and Mr. Christensen kindly donated one dollar to the club.

The house was decorated for Halloween and a few quiet games were played in the evening before and after supper. At 6 o'clock Mrs. Wade served one of her famous suppers.

The program for the first meeting of the club, November 28th, will be: Current Events, Mr. Wade; Story, Mrs. Hutson; Song, Mrs. Hammond; Story, Mr. Hammond; Dialogue, Mr. Moore.

## Harrison, Idaho

A very pretty wedding took place on Wednesday, October 27th, at the home of Mrs. C. J. Cavanaugh, when her daughter Mamie was united in marriage to Wesley B. Taylor of Kellogg, Idaho.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. M. W. Frost under an arch of evergreens, mountain berries and ferns. The bride was beautifully gowned in pearl white satin and carried a shower bouquet of pink and white sweet peas. Her going-away gown was of Nile green broadcloth and white hat.

The bridesmaid, Miss Laura Meadows, for eight years the most intimate friend and schoolmate of the bride, was attired in cream French lawn and carried a bouquet of red carnations.

The matron of honor and interpreter, Mrs. E. R. Jones, wore a dress of white linen and carried the certificate and marriage ceremony typewritten, and, in this unusual manner, the ceremony was performed. The groom was supported by his brother, Ellis Taylor.

After the ceremony the guests sat down to a bountiful dinner, after which the happy couple left on the steamer Idaho, bound for Spokane. They were followed by showers of rice, old shoes and the best wishes of the community. The bride received many handsome gifts of silver, china and linen.

On the first of this month the happy couple left here for Kellogg to make their own new home near the groom's parents' ranch. He is an employe in the Bunker Hill mine.

At the Illinois School the teachers get up hay-rides; at the Colorado School they have receptions varied sometimes by picnics; at the Georgia School they have 'possum hunts—all forms of recreation calculated to enable the teacher get away from the "shop" feature of her work. This is as it should be. The success of a teacher in her work depends, in a measure, on the atmosphere by which she is surrounded during the hours when she is not in the school room. Congenial occupation outside of school hours in the way of recreation, preferably out of doors, the pursuit of some fad, the riding of some hobby help wonderfully in "keeping sweet" the disposition and temper, and in maintaining in the school room that spirit of cheerfulness so necessary to harmonious and successful work. The bow should be unbent daily, for the old say about all work and no play applies with as much force to the teacher as to the pupil. The work of teaching the deaf is a great drain on the nerve force, but there is, fortunately, ample time if rightly used, to recover from the strain before being called upon to face the class again, and the teacher should feel it a moral obligation to both herself and her pupils to take full advantage of it.—Kentucky Standard.

Cervantes: The bow cannot possibly stand always bent, nor can human nature subsist without recreation.

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The printing office has a unique addition in the person of the legless boy, Florein Berchiet. He had not been put to any trade since he came last fall, and at his request was assigned to printing last week. Perched on a high stool, he has no trouble in learning the case and setting type, being both eager and willing. We hope he will do well, and ultimately work out his industrial salvation.—Ohio Chronicle.

The boys' supervisor at the West Virginia school is named Thrasher. How very appropriate that name is for a boys' supervisor! If he lives up to his name when the boys get on the warpath, there must be frequent and strenuous consultations behind the woodshed.—Kansas Star.

The Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition has now been closed a month. It was a success. The expected slump in business in Seattle has failed to materialize. Business is better today than at any time in the past two years.

We cannot kindle when we will  
The fire that in the heart resides;  
The spirit bloweth and is still,  
In mystery our soul abides;  
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The local committee will do its utmost for your comfort and pleasure. It has receptions, balls, barbecues, picnics, banquets, lectures on its program. The week of the congress will be packed as full of business and pleasure as an egg of meat.

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George Wm. Veditz, Chairman; John C. Winemiller, Stephen McGinnity, Bessie B. Veditz, Ethel M. Ritchie, Frederick Bates, Floyd O. Mount.  
Colorado Springs, Col., Nov. 3, 1909.

### HOW SHALL WE KNOW EACH OTHER?

Editor Observer:

The writer of these lines has traveled quite extensively both in the East as well as out on the Pacific coast the last two years. But I am not going to give you any account of these tours, but will try to devote my subject to something new, that is, if none before have written about it.

Upon arriving at such large cities as Portland, Tacoma, Seattle, Minneapolis, etc., a stranger has quite a great deal of difficulty in finding a deaf person with whom he can get a chat in the "silent language," but this difficulty in meeting deaf persons does not lie in the fact that there are no deaf people in these towns, but the reason why is simply that he does not know any of the deaf. Only once have I up to this time met any deaf persons who were strangers to me and that was up in Minneapolis, when I ran across two deaf men on the street, who were using the sign language. There is no doubt that I have met more deaf people but the writer is unable to see, as some of the "smart" hearing people who pretend to be able "to see that they are deaf."

Now, what remedy do you suppose I think could help this want of knowing who are deaf? It is not any great thing, only a little badge. Oh, yes, that will do it. Suppose that every deaf man and woman in the United States wore a badge fastened on the left side of his or her coat or waist. Do you think anybody could be mistaken about that he or she was a deaf person? Certainly not. We would at once be on known grounds.

But only suggesting about a badge and not giving any hint about how such a one ought to look would, I think, only be to go half way.

The writer has seen a picture of the statue of Dr. Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet, where that noble, generous, warm-hearted benefactor of the deaf, together with the little Alice Cogswell are portrayed. I am of the opinion that a badge with the picture of the first educator of the deaf on this side of the great ocean would meet with general approval of all the deaf.

But we must get a badge of an artistic design and in every other way of a first-class quality; there is no doubt but that some of our clever deaf artists could make a good design for a badge, and I hope that a good many of them will try their skill in this line; for, remember, that the one who makes the best design, will carry off

the honor of having designed the badge which all the deaf people from the Atlantic to the Pacific are going to wear in the future as a token of brotherhood.

Hoping that the deaf population, as a whole, will take this under consideration, the writer's aim will be fulfilled.

Let me at the same time congratulate you upon the publishing of such a bright, clean paper. I do not care so much about the bulk of news in such a paper, as upon the quality, and in this line The Observer is a first-class paper.

E. L. SCHETNAN.

St. Olaf College, Nov. 6.

The Hartford, Conn., founded by Thomas H. Gallaudet, is the oldest school of its kind on this side of the sea. It began its ninety-fourth year on the ninth of September. The New York School follows with a period of 93 years. We understand Kentucky is pretty far gone in years, but she has that elixir of life which braces her up and keeps her young. We are eighteen and would pass for a granddaughter to any of them.—North Dakota Banner.

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